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SUBJECT: LOS: FRG STATEMENTS ON DEEP SEABED MINING AND
OTHER LOS ISSUES

1. DURING THE MAY 27 SESSION OF THE BUNDESTAG, FOREIGN
OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VON DOHNANYI ANSWERED A ROUND
OF QUESTIONS ON CURRENT LOS ISSUES, INCLUDING FRG
EXCLUSION FROM THE GROUP OF FIVE, THE POSSIBILITIES
FOR UNILATERAL MEASURES TO PROTECT DEEP SEABED
MINING, FRG INTERESTS IN THE KADET STRAITS AND
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THE BALTIC, EXTENSION OF THE 3-MILE LIMIT TO 12
MILES, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, DEFINITION OF CLOSED
AND SEMI-CLOSED SEAS, EC COORDINATION, AND
FISHING IN THIRD COUNTRY WATERS.

2. VON DOHNANYI EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THE PRINCIPLE
OF FREE TRANSIT WILL BE ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE,

AND THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE KADET STRAITS. CONCERNING CLOSED AND SEMI-CLOSED SEAS, HE CONSIDERED THE REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN CHAPTER IX OF RSNT II AS BEING SUPERFLUOUS AND PLEADED IN FAVOR OF THEIR ELIMINATION. WITH RESPECT TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, HE MENTIONED THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY TO SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF COASTAL STATE CONSENT. HE STRESSED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE FRG TOGETHER WITH THE US TO "REACH OUR GOAL OF AS UNIMPEDED AS POSSIBLE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS SUCH AS A REGIME OF IMPLIED CONSENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE FRG'S NEGOTIATING POSITION HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY ITS EXCLUSION FROM THE GROUP OF FIVE, VON DOHNANYI EXPLAINED THAT THE G-5 HAD BEEN SET UP BEFORE THE FRG BECAME A MEMBER OF THE UN, THAT IT DOES NOT UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION OF ITS OWN DURING THE CONFERENCE, AND THAT THE FRG NEGOTIATING POSITION IS NOT AFFECTED BY NON-PARTICIPATION IN G-5 CONSULTATIONS. HE ADDED THAT GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE PROVEN TO BE USEFUL LINKS BETWEEN EC MEMBERS AND THE G-5.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE FRG HAS CONSULTED IN THE EC AND WITH THE US CONCERNING US CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF UNILATERAL ACTION UNCLASSIFIED

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ON DEEP SEABED MINING, VON DOHNANYI SAID: "THAT US GOVERNMENT HAS QUITE CLEARLY ADVOCATED THAT ATTAINMENT OF A SATISFACTORY INTERNATIONAL SEABED REGIME HAS UNEQUIVOCAL PRIORITY OVER UNILATERAL MEASURES.

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THIS OPINION TO
BE CORRECT. IF A SATISFACTORY INTERNATIONAL DEEP
SEABED MINING REGIME SHOULD NOT COME ABOUT, THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY SO
THAT THE STATUS OF TECHNOLOGY ATTAINED UP TO
NOW AND INVESTMENTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN WILL NOT BE
LOST AND THAT THE FUTURE SUPPLY OF COMMODITIES CAN
BE ASSURED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY. IN THIS EVENT,
IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO EXAMINE WHETHER
RECIPROCITY CLAUSES GOVERNING RELATIONS WITH
PARTNER COUNTRIES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. FURTHERMORE,
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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS HAD CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS
WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING EC MEMBERS
AND THE USA, ON QUESTIONS OF THE FUTURE REGIME FOR
DEEP SEABED MINING. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE
CONSULTATIONS, IT WAS INFORMED BY THE USG OF THE
VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION WHICH WERE INTRODUCED
BY MEMBERS OF THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS
AREA".

5. IN A MAY 24 RADIO INTERVIEW, FOREIGN OFFICE
STATE SECRETARY HERMES WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON
US DECISIONS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ITS INDUSTRY.

HERMES POINTED OUT: "WE HAVE VERY IMPORTANT OCEAN SHIPPING INTERESTS, FISHERIES INTERESTS, ECONOMIC INTERESTS, RESEARCH INTERESTS. WE WISH THAT A COMMON SOLUTION BE FOUND IN THE LOS CONFERENCE FOR ALL THESE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. WE DO NOT WISH THAT INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS BE REACHED WHICH WOULD ALLOW SOME COUNTRIES A FREE HAND FOR ARBITRARY ACTIONS IN OTHER FIELDS IN WHICH NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE WITH STRONG ALLIES TO ARRIVE AT A NEW ORDERAS LONG AS WE CARRY ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS, CARRY THEM ON WITH GOOD REASON FOR SUCCESS, WE CAN VIEW THE ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIM SOLUTIONS ONLY IN A NEGATIVE SENSE." HERMES ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE PARALLEL SYSTEM IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG AND THAT THE FRG WILL WORK WITH THE GREATEST ENERGY TOWARDS ITS ADOPTION IN THE CONFERENCE.

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